



LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS & INFRASTRUCTURE

AIRPORT PARKWAY WIDENING – WALKLEY ROAD PHASE 1

By August 2026, the City will begin work on the Airport Parkway south bound offramp at Walkley and the roundabout. The new roundabout will include raised pedestrian crossings at each section of the roundabout, new multi-use pathway connections, and improved cycling infrastructure for Walkey Road east of the roundabout.

The original scope for Walkley Road included road modifications. As a result of Bill 60, the City has split this project into two phases. The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee will receive a report on June 25 which will aim to clarify these impacts.

Construction of the off ramp and roundabout will be divided into three main stages. Stage #1 will include the construction of the north side of the roundabout, including the north section of the Airport Parkway bridge. Stage #2 will include the south side of the roundabout. Stage #3 will include all work inside the roundabout circle. Active transportation will be maintained throughout the project as well as one lane of traffic in each direction.

729 RIDGEWOOD – BRIGIL

This summer, the property will be excavated to address contamination and begin construction of the parking garage. Retaining walls will be created to support this work and large trucks will remove materials from the site. A traffic plan will be prepared to help reduce trucks on residential streets as work progresses.

Last week, the Project Manager was on-site to review deficiencies and address falling signage and fences. My office is sharing feedback with the Project Manager to address concerns heard from residents about the current state of the site.

2865 RIVERSIDE DRIVE- ST. PATRICK'S HOME OF OTTAWA

St Patrick's began construction of the 7-storey, 133-unit apartment building this spring. Current work on site includes digging the building's foundation. Construction will continue until Spring 2028. A groundbreaking will be planned later this summer.

THE DOCKS AT MOONEY'S BAY

The Westside 1 and 2 condo buildings are complete. Residents started moving in April. 18 townhomes will be fully completed in August and occupancy will begin in September. Blocks A5 and A6 are on sale and will begin construction late summer/ early fall. Northside (B1) and Southside (B2) condo building construction will start in late 2026.

HERON ROAD RENEWAL

This summer, the off-ramps at Heron and Bronson will be resurfaced. This includes iron adjustments, curb and sidewalk repairs. Some night work will be required between June 21 and July 15. Notices will be sent to affected residents and businesses.

- Bronson Av southbound off ramps from Bronson Av southbound to Heron Rd westbound
- Bronson Av southbound off ramp from Bronson Av southbound off ramp to Heron Rd eastbound
- Heron Rd westbound off ramp from Heron Rd westbound to Heron Rd eastbound off ramp
- Bronson Av northbound off ramp from Airport Pkwy\Bronson Av to Heron Rd eastbound off-ramp
- Bronson northbound off ramps from Airport Pkwy\Bronson Av to Heron Rd westbound
- Heron Rd eastbound off ramp from Heron Rd eastbound to 290 M south of Riverside Dr

BROOKFIELD PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER SAWMILL CREEK

City staff reviewed the condition of the pedestrian bridge located approximately 0.15 km west of Brookfield Road East, connecting our community Heron Park South.

The scope of work includes replacing the existing superstructure with a new prefabricated steel half-through truss bridge. A closure will be required for approximately 8 weeks in late October/ early November 2026. I have requested advance signage and for the project team to find opportunities to reduce the closure length.

IN THE COMMUNITY

RECENT MOONEY'S BAY INCIDENTS

In recent weeks, Mooney's Bay has experienced two significant incidents including the loss of a child and a stabbing leaving two individuals injured. My office is aware of these incidents, and I am connected with Ottawa Police Services. Investigations are ongoing.

RIVERSIDE PARK SUMMER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

A Canada Post mailout was delivered to most households in Riverside Park North/ Mooney's Bay to provide more information about this summer's parking restrictions. On-street parking restrictions will be implemented from mid-June to end of July and mid-June to Labour Day (September 7). If you would like an e-copy of the bulletin, please contact my office.

WADING POOL SCHEDULE

The Pauline Vanier Park wading pool at 1015 Harkness Ave will operate regular hours from June 23 to August 15 from Tuesday to Saturday. The wading pool is closed on Sunday and Monday.

On July 28 the City of Ottawa will host a free special event at the wading pool which will feature arts and crafts, games and prizes for children.

Hours for Pauline Vanier Park:

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 12 – 7 PM
- Saturday: 12 – 5 PM

RIVERSIDE DRIVE CAR RACING

In September 2025, I met with Police Chief Stubbs to request attention to Riverside in the late evening. As we welcome warmer weather, residents have noticed an increase in racing on Riverside Drive. In the Fall, OPS completed targeted enforcement in other areas of the City and they believe this is why we are seeing an increase in speed in our area. I wrote to Chief Stubbs in May 2026 to discuss additional resources to combat racing on Riverside Drive.

We are advising residents to continue to file Traffic Complaints with the Ottawa Police Service. Complaints can be filed online here: [File a Report - Ottawa Police Service](#)

MOONEY'S BAY PARK UPGRADES

The existing Mooney's Bay Beach Pavilion is at the end of life. During this outreach, City staff sought feedback on the renewal of the tennis courts and construction of basketball courts in Mooney's Bay Park. The Pavilion is on hold until funding for the construction phase becomes available. Site preparations will begin this month for the tennis and basketball courts.

The Mooney's Bay Park Hill was closed for sledding in 2021. On May 1, 2024, I put forward a motion to fund an external engineering and landscape architectural feasibility study to determine the potential for a safer sledding facility, including preliminary costing for modifications.

RIVERSIDE DRIVE NATURALIZATION

On May 12, members of Ottawa South Eco Action Network (OSEAN) and students from Brookfield High school worked with City of Ottawa Forestry to plant 100 native trees and shrubs on the west side of Riverside Drive at Walkley Road. The Riverside Park Community Association and OSEAN will work with City staff to develop a maintenance agreement for the area.

DRIVEWAY HUMP PROGRAM

Following the August 10, 2023 rainfall event, impacting many Riverside Park residents, Water Resources Engineering completed a study of the neighbourhood to investigate the causes of flooding and recommend improvements to City infrastructure and private property to mitigate future flooding.

One of the recommendations we are implementing is the installation of driveway humps on 110 reverse grade driveways in Riverside Park. A driveway hump is a built-up asphalt portion at the end of a reverse grade driveway which raises the driveway at the curblin by a few centimeters. Driveway humps prevent, or reduce, water spilling from the roadway onto private property during an extreme rainfall event.

To facilitate this project, letters will be mailed out to selected properties this spring to inform residents of the program and invite them to participate. Once a resident confirms that they would like to participate, their address will be added to the design and construction project charter and a City project manager will follow up with them to discuss the next steps. Currently, design (including property site visits) is anticipated for Fall 2026 and construction for 2027.

SOUTHERN CORRIDOR

At the January 28 meeting, Council ratified the decision of the joint Committee of December 17, 2025, meaning my motion on the Southern Corridor lands was approved unanimously.

On Friday April 10, the Planning & Housing and the Finance & Corporate Services Committees met in joint session to receive a staff report on the Build Canada Homes Partnership. It was expected at this meeting that there would be a report listing NCC owned lands across the City that would be nominated to fast track residential development.

The City and NCC have failed to come to any agreement on a list. The NCC does not agree to the framework established by City Council. The City has requested the NCC to provide a letter on how they plan to proceed at this point. We do not anticipate a letter at this time.

A meeting is scheduled with MP Yasir Naqvi and community leaders on June 23.

CITY OF OTTAWA

OTTAWA 200

The City of Ottawa is getting ready to celebrate Ottawa's 200th Anniversary. The City has confirmed Ottawa200 grant programs, Ottawa Bluesfest special line-up, partnerships with Ottawa Tourism, and more events slated for Saturday, September 26, 2026.

Ottawa Tourism announced funding support for 14 projects through its 200th Tourism Animation Fund. These events will take place between March 1 and December 31. A list of events can be found here: <https://ottawatourism.ca/en/media/resources/media-releases/200th-tourism-animation-fund-recipient>

Learn more about Ottawa 200: <https://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/city-news/newsroom/ottawas-200th-anniversary-will-feature-year-investment-arts-entertainment-and-fun>

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Track & Field Championships

When: June 17 to 21

Where: Terry Fox Athletic Facility

Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival

When: June 19 to 21

Where: Mooney's Bay Park

Escapade Music Festival

When: June 26 to 28

Where: RA Centre Grounds, 2451 Riverside Dr

HOPE Beach Volleyball Festival

When: July 11

Where: Mooney's Bay Park

Lebanese Festival

When: July 15 to 19

Where: 750 Ridgewood Ave

Canoe Kayak Canada Championships

When: August 25 to 30

Where: Mooney's Bay Park & Rideau Canoe Club